



Victim Defendants Strategy				
Goal: Develop victim defendant protocols and training across systems that address screening prosecution cases, community referrals, and effective dispositions.				
Objectives	Procedural Steps	Responsible Parties/ Milestones	Intermediate Measures	Resources
1. Develop a tool to enhance prosecution case screening of potential victim defendants and increase effectiveness of negotiations on cases involving survivors.	1. Convene a work group involving prosecution advocates and probation staff to develop tool. 2. Draft language and procedures for use. 3. Adopt and train on use of tool. 4. Evaluate a sample of cases alleging/involving women's use of violence.	Lead: SCADVU Lead: DSVPO Begin January 2006; end December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening tool. Report evaluation data on cases of women who use violence. 	Planning and Development Specialist: .25 FTE Training budget for City agencies.
2. Enhance linkages for victim defendants to community domestic violence services.	1. Determine, create, and provide access to needed services for survivors 2. Link to Advocacy Service Plan (see Advocacy and Victim Services Strategy 2005 – 2009) for areas pertaining to community service linkages 3. Develop protocol for referral for systems- and community-based advocacy on victim/defendant issues. (See prosecution Plan Goal 1, Obj.1)	Lead: SCADVU SPD /Staffing to be determined Begin June 2006 end June 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community and in-system advocate meeting agendas and minutes. Protocol 	

*New Resource



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3. Enhance advocacy and defender linkages for victim defendants.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine necessary training for defense bar to understand victim defendant issues. 2. Establish ways for defense and prosecution staff to communicate about case disposition. 3. Formulate mechanism for establishing working relationships between defense and community based advocates. 	<p>Lead: DSVPO</p> <p>Begin January 2006; end December 2008</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Referral list community advocates specially trained on women's use of violence. ▪ Defense communications protocol. 	Planning & Development Specialist: .25 FTE*
4. Enhance probation screening and referral policies for court recommendations and for service linkages.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fashion responsible court recommendations and protocol for screening and referrals with survivor/defendant safety need prioritized. 2. Develop tool 3. Screen for victim defendant status. 4. Establish referral policies and procedures with community advocacy agencies 5. Implement Policies and Procedures. 	<p>Leads: SMC & SCADVU</p> <p>Begin March 2005; end March 2006</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Screening tool. ▪ Victim defendant protocol on court recommendations. ▪ Report on court sentences for victims who use violence. ▪ Referral list to victim defendant trained community advocates. ▪ Referral policies and procedures 	



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5. Design training to accommodate specific needs of each criminal justice system service provider.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish training needs on victim defendants with emphasis on issues of relevance applicable to special populations including sexual minorities. 2. Repeat training as needed. 	DSVPO Begin 2008; end 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training plan. ▪ Training agendas and evaluations. 	Trainer: .25 FTE*
Expected Outcomes				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increased recognition of victim defendants. 2. Decrease in survivors being prosecuted. 3. Increased dialogue between defenders and advocacy community and between community and in-system advocates. 4. More appropriate court recommendations that consider safety issues for survivors. 5. Improved criminal justice practitioners' skills in responding to victim defendants. 				